

and I am authorized to assure you, that the directors of this company, will unite with you, in expediting the progress of our unhappy controversy, so as to have it then ended if possible.

I am with much respect, &c.

Signed, C. F. MERCER,  
Prest. of the C. & O. C. C.

PHILIP E. THOMAS, esq.  
*President of the Balt. and O. R. R. C.*

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OFFICE OF THE BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAIL ROAD CO. }  
19th February, 1830. }

GENERAL CHARLES F. MERCER,

*President of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Co.*

Respected friend,—Thy letter of the 15th of this month, was yesterday handed to me by Judge Roberts, together with a communication from Governor Kent, and General Walter Smith, and also a copy of a decree from the chancery court of Maryland, upon an application of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal company, for an order to make certain surveys along the left bank of the Potomac river.—These documents were, without loss of time, placed in the hands of the only member of our counsel, now in this city, and I avail myself of the opportunity afforded by the return of Judge Roberts, to transmit the reply of this company to thee.

The Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road company will give every possible despatch, towards carrying into effect the objects of the decree, issued at the instance of the canal company, and will be prepared to unite with you in expediting the progress of our unhappy controversy, so as to have it ended as early as possible.

I am very respectfully,

Signed, P. E. THOMAS,  
*Prest. B. and O. R. R. C.*